

## Church News

### New Virginia, Iowa

Rev. A. Wanker and wife united with the Brethren church and were baptized near Broad Horn, Oct. 23. Brother Wanker was born and raised a Catholic, educated for a priest. But close examination of the scriptures and history convinced him he was wrong and we are right. Brother John Barber was ordained elder of the church the second Sabbath in October. Brother Joseph Zimmerman, our corresponding secretary died at his home in New Virginia, Sept. 30, 1898. He was 77 years old, a faithful Christian, highly esteemed by all that knew him. He will be greatly missed in the church. This is the fourth death recorded in our little church in the last fifteen months. There are still a few faithful ones left, trying to keep the church moving on.

MARY HUGHES, Clerk.

### Minutes of Indiana State Conference, Held at South Bend, Oct. 4, 5, 6, 1898

TUESDAY, OCT. 4

Conference convened at 2:30 P. M., vice chairman, W. W. Summers in chair. Devotional exercises consisted of song, reading Rom. 12th chapter, prayer and song. Motion prevailed to elect two committees on delegates, the one for lay, the other for ministerial delegates. The following were elected committees: Committee on lay delegates, A. R. Bemenderfer, Peter Fisher, D. A. Hopkins; committee on ministerial delegates, John Frame, Daniel Stephens, D. Miller; committee on rules, Brethren Furry, Bauman, Ketrow.

Subject,—"How and why Circuit our Work?" was discussed by Brethren Fox, Furry, Flora and Menaugh.

Partial reports of committees on delegates received. Ministerial delegates present, 10, lay delegates, 26. Motion to adjourn prevailed. Closed with song and benediction.

The annual sermon was preached in the evening by W. W. Summers.

WEDNESDAY, OCT. 5, 9 A. M.

Devotional services were conducted by Brother Bauman. Minutes of previous sessions approved as read. Motion prevailed to appoint a committee to revise ministerial list for Annual for 1899. Motion to appoint a committee on committees prevailed. Committee appointed: J. M. Fox, B. H. Flora, L. O. Hubbard. Sixteen additional lay delegates were reported at this time. The committee on committees reported the following committees: On ministerial revision, Wm. H. Miller, G. W. Rench, A. S. Menaugh; on resolutions, L. S. Bauman, Ida Simmons, G. W. Rench; on location, Albert Evans, Helen Frame, P. M. Fisher. The report was accepted. The committee on rules reported rules of 1897 as rules for 1898. Report adopted. A letter of greeting from Garrett, Ind., was read at this time.

A paper,—"How to set Churches in Order," read by Brother Rench. Five more

ministerial credentials reported. A paper,—"Church Polity," was read by Wm. H. Miller. Motion to adjourn prevailed. Adjourned to 2 P. M. in usual manner.

WEDNESDAY, 2 P. M.

Devotional services were conducted by Brother Hubbard. Minutes of previous session adopted as read. Courtesies of convention were extended to Walter Clark of Michigan. Twelve more lay and three more ministerial credentials were reported. Motion prevailed that a committee of five be appointed by this conference to receive names of orphans and find homes for them in the homes of the Brethren.

Statistical report: Congregations reported, 47; houses owned in part 5, wholly 33, total 38; members Oct. 1, 1897, 3107; members Oct. 1, 1898, 3264; average membership, 69½; total accessions for year, 330; average per church, 7; young people's societies, 15; K. C., 7; K. C. of C. E., 5; C. E., 3; prayer meetings sustained, 19; S. S. C. E., 22; Sunday-schools 40; 3 union. Three use Cook's literature, others Brethren. Value of church properties from \$700 to \$3500; pastors' salaries from nothing to \$350 for half time; Mission fund, State \$180; National, \$201.10; tracts, \$19.00; raised by S. S., \$795; young people's societies in seven places, \$63.50; S. S. C. E., sixteen places, \$499; No. of pastors, 19; No. of deacons, 72; No. of mission points presenting, 19; No. of B. E. subscribers, 286; raised by regular collection in six places, \$188; statistical report adopted.

Verbal report of State Evangelist adopted as given.

Report of Mission Board for 1897-1898: Received from H. H. Sbrinkle, Home Mission funds, \$106.35; outside of pledges, \$205.81; on pledges, \$192.47; total received, \$504.63. Total amount expended: Paid to State Evangelist, B. H. Flora, \$482.88; to S. M. Aukerman, traveling expenses to Board meetings, \$2.70; postage to secretary, W. C. Perry, 80c.; paid to National Mission Board, \$18.25. Report adopted.

Open parliament on missions was conducted by W. C. Perry. Motion prevailed to elect State Evangelist. Motion prevailed to elect State Evangelist by majority ballot, if no majority on first ballot, two highest only to be balloted for on second ballot. Brother Flora was unanimously re-elected. Motion prevailed to re-elect Mission Board of last year for coming year. Motion prevailed to elect State conference officers for coming year by ballot. Motion to adjourn prevailed. L. S. Bauman preached Wednesday eve.

THURSDAY MORNING

Praise service was lead by Brother Fox. Devotional services were conducted by Brother Clark. Minutes of previous session adopted as read. Motion prevailed to elect conference officers for the coming year with the following result: Chairman, W. W. Summers; vice chairman, L. S. Bauman; secretary, Wm. H. Miller; treasurer, T. C. Leslie.

Full report of committee on lay delegates adopted as reported: 1. South Bend, Wm. Augustine, Sumner Jackson, Mrs. J. R. Frame, F. P. Fields. 2. Flora, Lizzie Hanna, Susie Umberhocker. 3. Goshen, J. Hazel, Guilford Leslie. 4. Mt. Union, Eleazer Fryman. 5. Dunlaps, Ida Simmons, Alice Bemenderfer. 6. Union Salem, John Kilian, Paul Hepler. 7. Pleasant View, Olive Neff. 8. Roann, Ares Flora, Jacob Flora, T. C. Leslie. 9. New Enterprise, E. Clingaman. 10. New Paris, Ezra Leedy. 11. Eaton, Albert Evans, Rebecca Heft. 12. Brethren chapel, Eliza J. Holiway. 13. Syracuse, J. C. Druckamiller. 14. Mexico, P. M. Fisher. 15. Warsaw, Mrs. Emma Shorb, Wm. Roberts. 16. Milford, Mrs. Lula McDowell, Miss Mattie Gregg, Mrs. Grace Rench, Eli Cox, Mrs. Mary Orn. 17. Elkhart, Amanda Hartzog, Henry Landis, Mrs. Fannie Sigerfoose. 18. Claypool, J. W. Shoemaker. 19. LaPaz, Robert Gillas, Enoch Bechtel, S. C. Hostettler. 20. Poplar Grove, S. M. Aukerman. 21. Sydney, C. O. Ketrow, Daniel Stephens, Daniel Miller. 22. Salem, Willis Polk. 23. New Highland, S. S. Hoffman. 24. Nappanee, Benjamin Mast, Mrs. E. A. Early, Mrs. Lydia E. Whistler. 25. Fair View, J. D. Cisne, J. H. Lydick, Alice Augustine. 26. Brighton, Mrs. Susan Long. 27. North Liberty, Martin Miller, Hiram Miller. 28. Tea Garden, Page Mead. 29. Roanoke, J. M. Keifer. Total of 55 lay delegates from 29 churches.

Committee on committees reported committee on orphan work: T. C. Leslie, Roann; D. C. Swonger, Tiosa; Maud Wingard, Flora; Mrs. Elizabeth Switzer, Warsaw; Mrs. E. L. Horner, Brighton.

An offering of \$8.65 was taken to defray conference expenses. Mission Board declining, a motion prevailed to accept declination of Board and proceed at once to elect a Mission Board. Board elected Brethren Perry, Stephens, Aukerman.

Motion prevailed to ask Mission Board to present a plan for mission work. Committee on resolutions reported as follows:

1. Resolved that we render our thanks to Almighty God for the blessings he has bestowed upon us in the past year and at this conference.

2. Resolved that we extend our thanks to the officers of this conference for their untiring efforts in behalf of its success, also to the South Bend congregation for their hospitality.

3. Resolved that we extend our thanks to the Mission Board and to our evangelist, B. H. Flora, for their earnest endeavor in spreading the doctrine and gospel of Jesus abroad in the State of Indiana.

4. Resolved that we put forth greater efforts in the coming year, especially in missions and temperance work.

5. Resolved that we ask each congregation in the State to take up at least one collection during the year and forward it to the superannuated ministers' fund now controlled by the National S. S. C. E.